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TAGS/ ETRD, GATT

SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL -- THROWN SILK

REF: STATE 163450

1. IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH EC REPS (ABBOTT, DUGIMONT) REGARDING U.S. ART. XXIII COMPLAINT AGAINST JAPAN ON THROWN SILK, DUGIMONT INDICATED EC HAS HAD SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPAN UNDER ART. XXII:1 OF GATT OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. DUGIMONT POINTED OUT THAT ITALY, THE CONCERNED MEMBER STATE, HAS BEEN UNABLE TO SHIP THROWN SILK TO JAPAN SINCE FEBRUARY BECAUSE OF JAPANESE REFUSAL TO ISSUE LICENSES, AND THE EC HAS MADE NO PROGRESS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPAN. ABBOTT'S FIRST REACTION TO U.S. COUNCIL INITIATIVE IS THAT THE EC PROBABLY CAN SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING PARTY OR PANEL, BUT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GO SO FAR AS SEEKING A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNCIL DECISION FINDING THE JAPANESE IN CONTRAVENTION OF GATT AND AUTHORIZING THE U.S. TO TAKE RETALIATORY ACTION. ABBOTT POINTED OUT THAT THE JAPANESE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONTEST THE FACTS, ARGUING THAT THE JAPANESE ACTION IS CONSISTENT WITH STATE TRADING PROVISIONS OF GATT ART. XVII AND THAT WP OR PANEL WILL BE NECESSARY TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE. ABBOTT INDICATED EC ALSO LIKELY

TO BE RELUCTANT TO PUSH ISSUE IN COUNCIL BECAUSE ITALY  
HAS LONG HISTORY OF RESTRICTIONS AGAINST RAW SILK  
IMPORTS FROM FAR EAST.

2. WE AND EC AGREED TO MEET AGAIN WEEK OF JULY 18  
AFTER EACH HAS RECEIVED MORE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS AND  
SUPPORTING MATERIAL. VANDEN HEUVEL

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